**Referencing**

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3. You are giving others the opportunity to go to your original source to find out more and extend their own learning.
4. Citing your sources helps you to avoid plagiarism.
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**How to cite**

At ISL Qatar, the MLA citation format and style is used.

**Works Cited Page**

List only sources that you actually used.

List the complete title of the article, essay, or book.

Write your list in alphabetical order by authors’ last names or the first main word in a title.

Online sources only require the URL **if** the information given does not easily lead the reader to find the source.

Publication medium (print or electronic) is required.

Format:

Author’s last name first

Double-spaced

Title italicized

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Indent second and third lines five spaces

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Place a period at the end of each entry.

**Books**

**Single Author**

Last name, first name. *Title of Book*. Publication City: Publisher, year. Print.

Ballard, Nadejda. *Globalization and Poverty.* New York: Chelsea House, 2006. Print.

**Book by Two or More Authors**

Last name, First name, and First name Last Name. Title of Book. Publication City: Publisher, year. Print.

Akbar, Said Hyder, and Susan Burton. *Come back to Afghanistan.* New York: Bloomsbury, 2005. Print

**An Article in a Reference Book**

“Article Name.” Reference Book Title. Edition. Year. Print.

“Qatar.” The World Book Encyclopedia. 2010. Print.

**Newspaper**

Last name, first name. “Article Title.” Newspaper Title dd/month/yyyy, edition: page#. Print.

Al Athbah, Abdullah Bin Hamad. “Achievements of Qatar’s Communications Sector.” Peninsula 28 March 2013, 08. Print

**Article in a Scholarly Journal**

Author’s name. “Title of the Article.” Journal Title volume #.issue# (year): pages. Print.

Piper, Andrew. “Rethinking the Print Object: Goethe and the Book of Everything.” PMLA 121.1(2006): 124-38. Print.

**An Article in a Magazine**

Last name, first name. “Article Title.” Magazine Title dd/month/yyyy: page numbers. Print.

Mason, Elizabeth. “Learning to Listen”. IBWorld January 2013: 25. Print.

**Citations of Electronic Sources (Including Online Databases)**

Common features you should try and find before citing electronic sources in MLA style. Not every Web page will provide all of the following information. However, collect as much of the following information as possible both for your citations and for your research notes:

* Author and/or editor names (if available)
* Article name in quotation marks (if applicable)
* Title of the Website, project, or book in italics. (Remember that if the publication is also available in print, the Web publication may include additional information like domain names [e.g. .com or .net].)
* Any version numbers available, including revisions, posting dates, volumes, or issue numbers.
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* Take note of any page numbers (if available).
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\*\*Only include the URL if the citation information would not lead a reader to easily find the source.\*\*

Editor, author, or compiler name (if available). Name of Site. Version number. Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), date of resource creation (if available). Medium of publication. Date of access.

The Purdue OWL Family of Sites. The Writing Lab and OWL at Purdue and Purdue U, 2008. Web. 28 Mar. 2013.

Oates, Joyce Carol. “The Magnanimity of Wuthering Heights.” *Celestial Timepiece – The Joyce Carol Oates Home Page.* University of San Francisco. 1983. Web. 28 Mar. 2013.

**A Page on a Web Site**

For an individual page on a Web site, list the author if known, followed by the information covered above for entire Web sites.

"How to Get Fit for Teens." eHow. Demand Media, n.d. Web. 28 Mar. 2013.

**Scholarly Journal From an Online Source**

Exactly like a scholarly journal entry, but adding:

Medium of publication (Web)

Date of access

**An Image (Including a Painting, Sculpture, or Photograph)**

Provide the artist's name, the work of art italicized, the date of creation, the institution and city where the work is housed. Follow this initial entry with the name of the Website in italics, the medium of publication, and the date of access.

Goya, Francisco. *The Family of Charles IV*. 1800. Museo Nacional del Prado, Madrid. *Museo National del Prado.* Web. 28 Mar. 2013.

Klee, Paul. *Twittering Machine*. 1922. Museum of Modern Art, New York. *The Artchive*. Web. 28 Mar. 2013.

If the work is cited on the web only, then provide the name of the artist, the title of the work, the medium of the work, and then follow the citation format for a website. If the work is posted via a username, use that username for the author.

Douglaspperkins. “Looking north over the Corniche, Qatar, Doha.” Photograph. commons.wikimedia.org, 16 Sept. 2006. Web. 28 Mar. 2013.

**Personal Interview**

Personal interviews refer to those interviews that you conduct yourself. List the interview by the name of the interviewee. Include the descriptor Personal interview and the date of the interview.

Hamkari, Joe. Personal interview. 14 Mar. 2013.

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Easybib http://www.easybib.com/

Noodlebib www.noodletools.com

Citation Machine www. citationmachine.net

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“MLA Cheat Sheet 7th edition, 2009”. Arachne@Rutgers 2.2, 2002. Web. 28 Mar. 2013